

Subject: Chinese coinage--genuineness
inquiry.

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Copy

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4, 1920.

The Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

About two years ago I transacted business
with the following dealers in coins:

Edgar Lincoln, Westcliff-on-the-Sea, England,

Jun Kobayagawa Company, Yokohama, Japan.

Within the past eight or ten months I have
written to each of them twice, but have not received a
reply from either of them. Have you any knowledge as
to whether these firms are still in business or not, or
if their business has changed hands, and if so, ^{by} to whom
and where they are now conducted.

I am particularly interested in old and
ancient Chinese coins. As the ordinary coin dealer does
not handle them except in a limited way, could you furnish
me with the names and addresses of several reliable dealers,
either in this country or abroad, from whom I could obtain
them? Is there a Numismatic Society in Tokio or Yokohama,
Japan, or Hong Kong, China, and can you give me the
addresses of their secretaries.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours truly,

A. L. Lord

410 The Arcade,
Cleveland, Ohio.



Other side
plain -
no characters

These characters on
other side also -

March 11, 1922,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your favor of recent date (in reply to mine) in regard to my sending you some Chinese Amulets and a Japanese Silver "Slug" for an opinion as to their authenticity, I will say that I am sending the pieces (five) to you today by American Railway Express.

Will you kindly advise me as to their genuineness. Would you consider the Silver "Slug" a good specimen? I have seen one which was smooth at both ends while mine is ragged at one end, evidently where the molten metal entered the mold, and it is warped, - not flat. What should it be worth?

I am also enclosing a "rubbing" of a Chinese "Knife" or "Key" piece. It is nearly black, not patinated, considerably worn and the inscription on the long part is alike on both sides. Would you say this is a genuine piece?

As per your letter, I am enclosing fifty cents (50¢) for your charge.

You may return them by Express, charges collect.

Very truly yours,

A. L. Lord

412 The Arcade,

Cleveland, Ohio.

March 14th, 1922

Mr. A. L. Lord
412 The Arcade
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your letter, together with the package, at hand, and I am writing on the envelopes the information regarding the coins and will return them to you at once.

The three green pieces are counterfeits. I do not know why they should be counterfeited as they are simply talisman and are common.

The silver Slug is perfectly genuine and is a good specimen; one never sees two exactly alike in all particulars.

The Knife coin, of which you enclose a rubbing, looks to me like a fake. There possibly are twenty genuine ones on this country. All the real ones which I have seen have the One Tao in the round part in gold inlaid, so that the characters do not come above the background. Counterfeits of these are very common.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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The Package is being returned by Parcel Post
the charge of which is 12 cents.

Cleveland, O. Mar. 20/1922

Mr. Howland Wood.

Curator: The Amer. Numismatic Soc.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

The Chinese coins which
I sent you recently for your opinion
as to their genuineness and which you
returned to me - were just received today.

Your letter was also received.

I thank you very much for your
judgment, and also your promptness,
and I am sending you herewith 12 cts
(stamps) to cover postage on the return
of the coins.

Very truly yours
A. L. Lord

412 The Arcade.

Cleveland, O., Mar. 22/20

Curator:
The American Numismatic Society -
New York:

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith,
copy of a letter which I wrote you
on the 4th inst. to which - up to this
date - I have not received a reply -

Will you kindly let me hear
from you in regard to the same.

Yours truly
A. L. Lord

410 The Arcade

Cleveland, O., Jan. 16/1922
Mr. Howland Wood. Curator:
The American Numismatic Soc.
New York.

Dear Sir:

I have three old bronze Chinese amulets or medals - also a large old Japanese silver slug or "bean" money, with counterstamps - I am in doubt as to their genuineness. I purchased them, recently, from one of the largest New York dealers in coins.

Could you pass upon their authenticity should I send them to you - and do you make a charge for such information?

Yours very truly
A. L. Lord.

412 The Arcade
Cleveland Ohio.

January 21st, 1922

Mr. A. L. Lord
412 The Arcade
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 16th, the Chinese annulets from a numismatic point of view bring anywhere from ten to twenty-five cents. They have been made in the same type and pattern for several centuries and are still made today. There are, however, counterfeits made in Canton which are very black in colour and covered over with an emerald green corrosion. Of course, there are a few annulets that are worth more money.

The Japanese silver slug is undoubtedly all right, as I have never seen any counterfeits of these except the small round ones. These can be told because they are cast rather than struck. All of these are of very low grade silver and are quite grey looking in colour.

If you care to send them on, we shall have to make a charge of fifty cents.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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